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MORNING MEETING ACTION ITEM

TO: DDS

Bannerman noted that he had been in touch with Sam Papich, FBI, and determined that the Bureau is holding solid for a flat exemption to the provisions of S. 782. Maury seconded Bannerman's observation that it might be well for us to reverse our position to go for an amendment to the Ervin bill (see Morning Meeting Minutes of 5 and 7 August). After some discussion, the Director observed that if the FBI obtains a total exemption to the bill on the floor it was possible that someone would stand up and see to it that CIA and NSA received a similar exemption. He added that for the moment we should do nothing and specifically not reverse our earlier position.

cc: OLC